Appreciation of the Services of Mr. K. P. Puttanna Chetty, C. I. E.

ORDER No. 1130-31—C. B. 167-19-3, DATED 13TH FEBRUARY 1920.

Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur Mr. K. P. Puttanna Chetty, C.I.E., retired First Member of Council, took up the appointment of Honorary President of the Bangalore City Municipal Council on the 1st February 1913, for a period of one year in the first instance. The term of his appointment as Honorary President was extended from time to time and he held this responsible office till the 31st January 1920, that is, for a period of seven years in all.

2. The finances of the Municipality improved greatly during his term of office. The normal receipts of the Municipality rose steadily from Rs. 3,27,519 in 1911-12 to Rs. 5,03,190 in 1918-19, giving an increase of 54 per cent. The expenditure of the Municipality also rose from Rs. 3,15,739 to Rs. 3,59,136 or by 10 per cent. The surplus funds of the Municipality which amounted to Rs. 1,17,282 on 1st February 1913, increased to Rs. 7,48,491 at the end of January 1920.

3. Among the many schemes initiated during the presidency of Mr. Puttanna Chetty for the improvement of the Bangalore City the following deserve special mention:—

(1) Construction of a general market.
(2) Construction of a Town Hall and a Municipal Office Buildings.
(3) Formation of a new extension east of the Fort Centre road.
(4) Laying out a shop street on the Hoskote-road.
(5) Improvement of Dobspet and Palace Upparahalli villages.
(6) Improvement of the City main drain below the Lal-Bagh road culvert.
(7) Improvement of the Palace approach road.
(8) Scheme for the formation of an Industrial suburb.
(9) Sewerage scheme for the City and extensions.
(10) Special scheme for housing the poor.

Some of the schemes have already been sanctioned and the work put on hand and the others are under consideration.

4. During this period, mainly owing to Mr. Puttanna Chetty's influence and example, the members have shown considerable interest in Municipal activities and have displayed much enthusiasm in the discharge of their honorary functions. The privileges of electing their own Vice-President and the President have been accorded to the Council recently.

5. Among the important events during Mr. Puttanna Chetty's presidency may be mentioned the visits of two Viceroys, *viz.*, Their Excellencies Lord Hardinge and Lord Chelmsford to the City, and the celebrations connected with "Our Day," the Armistice and the conclusion of the Peace. The success of the arrangements on these occasions was in no small measure due to his untiring zeal and energy. He also rendered valuable help in connection with the raising of the war loan for which he was awarded a certificate by the Government of India. His work in connection with the checking of Influenza and the relief of the sick in the City and also in connection with the serious food situation during the latter part of 1918 and the earlier part of 1919 deserves special commendatory mention.

6. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore desire to place on record and to convey to Mr. Puttanna Chetty their high appreciation and acknowledgment of the valuable honorary services rendered by him to the State.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Honorary President, Bangalore City Municipal Council.
The Dewan Bahadur Rajasabhabhushana K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq.
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Levy of Contributions.

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The marginally noted extract from the notes of the Dewan's tour in the Tumkur, Hassan and Kadur Districts in January 1919.

"The present mode of levying contributions for irrigation works is unsatisfactory. Contribution is first collected on an estimate of probable cost, then a detailed estimate is prepared which generally and largely exceeds the initial estimate necessitating a considerable increase in the contribution demanded. The result is that several years elapse between the payment of contribution and the starting of the work. The proper procedure in such cases should be that, when the raiyats want a particular tank work to be undertaken, a mutchalika should be taken from them for payment of such contribution as might be settled later on. The estimates should then be prepared and sanctioned to start the work obtained. It will be then time for collecting contribution under the terms of the mutchalika.

There are many cases in which contribution was levied years ago but the works are not taken up. These require urgent attention. A list of such cases should be specially prepared in each taluk.

2. Letter No. C. 3968—Gl. 18-19, dated 10—12th November 1919, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting his proposals in regard to the procedure to be adopted for the levy of contributions from raiyats for irrigation works and stating that the Chief Engineer of Mysore, who was addressed in the matter has agreed to the said procedure.

ORDER NO. R. 8910-20—L. R. 15-18-24, DATED 6TH FEBRUARY 1920.

The procedure proposed by the Revenue Commissioner is as follows:—

"Before taking up the preparation of a project for which raiyats have to pay contribution, the consent of the raiyats interested in the restoration of the tank should be taken and a general mutchalika obtained as to their willingness to pay their share of contribution. The estimate should thereupon be prepared and as it will show the exact amount of contribution payable by the raiyats, a proper mutchalika in the form prescribed in the Revenue Commissioner's Circular No. C. 444, dated 24th September 1918, should be obtained showing the exact amount payable by each of the raiyats holding lands under the tank and specifying whether the amount will be paid before the work is started or in instalments of one or more years with interest according to the rules."

"After obtaining this mutchalika, the estimate should be sent up for sanction. It is only after the estimate is sanctioned and not till then that the amount of contribution agreed upon should be actually recovered from the raiyats and credited to Government. Though the Government will not receive the contribution till the estimate is sanctioned, it will be open to the raiyats to collect the amount before hand from among themselves, if they wish to do so and to deposit it in a Co-operative Bank, Government Savings Bank or other safe place of custody in the name of the Patel or Chairman of the Village Committee or some important person in the village, until they are called upon to produce it after the sanction of the estimate." Government are pleased to sanction the concurrent proposals of the Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer described above.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Chief Engineer of Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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